Stoddard Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date:  Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Time:  7:30 p.m.
Place:  Town Hall

Members Present:  (marked with XX)
Geoff Jones__XX
Scott Semmens__XX
Paul Crosby__XX
Helen Tam-Semmens__XX
Bob Fee__XX
Margo Santoro__

1. Approved minutes of August 28, 2019.

2. Bob Fee has spoken with the Board of Selectmen about the Conservation Commission seeing no issue about taking on the responsibility of holding the Deed Restriction of Harris Center’s recently-acquired 515 acres of Granite Lake Headwaters conservation land off Rt 9. That was requested by Harris Center during last Conservation Commission meeting. The BOS agreed. The state used to be the “Third Party Holder” or the third party right of enforcement of such Deed Restrictions, but apparently no longer.

3. Sarah Powell and Amanda Littleton from Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) attended the meeting, and updated us on some of their projects and services, as well as asked our Conservation Commission what we see as issues and concerns as Conservation Commission. For instance, CCCD has small grants to provide seeds to landowners to create wildlife habitats on their properties. CCCD has been going around and talking to other Con Coms in the area on the same subjects.

4. Scott Semmens presented the GIS app he created for the town as part of the update to the Conservation and Preservation section of the Master Plan that the Planning Board is working on. Comments were collected, including for Scott to get some GIS data from Geoff, specifically the forever wild easement layer. After incorporating the comments, Scott will present the GIS app to Planning Board for review.

5. Next scheduled meeting to be on Oct 23th, 2019, 7:30 at the town hall.